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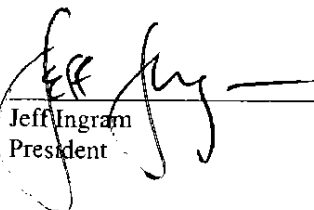
Re: CC Docket No. 96-45
Interstate Access Support - IAS
Annual Certification Filing

This is to certify that ExOp of Missouri Inc. will use its Universal Service Interstate Access Support only for the provisions, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

I am authorized to make this certification on behalf of the company named above. This certification is for the study area listed below.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Study Area Code</u>
UTC of Missouri	Missouri	421957

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Dennis Devoy Director of Business services at the number shown above.


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